

September 27, 2013

To: Executive Board

Subject: **San Gabriel Valley Park & Ride – City of Azusa**

Recommendation

Authorize the Executive Director to:

1. Enter into a contract amendment with Choate Parking Consultants for Phase II architectural and engineering design services for the Azusa Intermodal Parking Facility in the amount of Eight Hundred Seventy Two Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Six Dollars (\$872,796);
2. Issue an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for the construction of the Azusa Intermodal Parking Facility;
3. Issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for materials testing and deputy inspection services for the Azusa Intermodal Parking Facility; and
4. Issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for federal labor compliance services for the Azusa Intermodal Parking Facility.

Background

In October 2010, Foothill Transit and the City of Azusa entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) addressing the development of the Azusa Intermodal Park & Ride facility. The MOU contains information relative to financing of the facility, design, and construction responsibilities.

The City of Azusa, the Lead Agency for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) purposes, and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Lead Agency for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) purposes prepared a joint Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Assessment (EA). On July 15, 2013, the Azusa City Council certified the EIR and approved the Conditional Use Permit Application and Design Review Application for the proposed parking facility. On July 17, 2013, the EA was circulated for public review and comment, and it is expected that FTA will approve the EA by the middle of October. It is anticipated that the EA will result in a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

In order to move forward with the design and detailed planning of the Azusa Intermodal Parking Facility, it is necessary to amend the existing Contract with Choate Parking Consultants to include Phase II Parking Design Services. The Phase II scope of work include site investigation, schematic design, design development, preparation of construction documents, plan check, bidding assistance and construction administration support. The location of the proposed parking structure is north of the Metro Gold Line. In addition to the design of the Intermodal Parking Facility, this project will require

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design for a new roadway to the proposed parking structure including underground utility relocation for power, water, storm drain, sewer, telephone, natural gas, fiber-optic facilities and cable television.

Upon completion of the approved final design plans by the City, Foothill Transit will issue an IFB for construction of the facility. Construction is estimated to be completed in 11 months after award of the construction contract.


As with most large construction projects, construction materials testing is a critical component in the process of building a structure. Section 17 of the California Building Code requires new building materials, equipment, systems or methods, of any materials of questioned suitability proposed for use in the construction of a building or structure be subjected to tests to determine character, quality and limitations for use. Materials testing and Special Inspection services will be performed by an independent testing and inspection agency under contract to Foothill Transit. Although these services do not relieve the construction contractor of its responsibility for compliance, a third-party inspector and consulting laboratory will be required during the construction phase of the proposed Project. Foothill Transit will be issuing an RFP to seek proposals from qualified firms or individuals to provide the required materials testing and special inspection services required during inspection.

The Davis-Bacon Act of 1931 requires that federal prevailing wages be paid on all federally funded public works projects. To ensure Foothill Transit complies with the Davis-Bacon Act, all federally funded Foothill Transit construction projects requires contractors to submit certified payroll records for its labor force and its sub-contractors indicating prevailing wage rates for each trade. In order to verify such payroll reports are accurate, Foothill Transit will be issuing an RFP to acquire services of a qualified firm or individual to provide certain federal labor compliance services and to conduct jobsite interviews for the federally funded project.


Fiscal Impact

The current MOU with the City of Azusa stipulates that “Foothill Transit and the City shall be jointly responsible for the commissioning and preparation of final design plans, construction drawings and specifications for construction of the Project.” The approved Fiscal Year 2014 Business Plan includes funding for the Azusa Park and Ride Project.

Sincerely,



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